Zinc and Lead Mines in the Country

3635. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Zinc and Lead Mines in the country;

(b) the location of those mines and their smelters;

(c) the annual production capacity of those mines;

(d) whether some of those mines and particularly Zinc and Lead based public sector undertakings are running at loss; and

(e) if so, when and respons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): : (a) The number of operating Zinc-Lead mines and Lead mines in country during 1997-98 were three and two respectively.

(b) and (c) The locations of the those mines alongwith their annual production capacity and their smelters are as follows:—

Name of Mine(s)	Location	Annual Production capacity of mine(s) (tonnes)
ZINC		
1. Zawar Group of Mines	Uadipur, Rajasthan	1200000
2. Rajpura-Dariba Mine	Rajasmund, Rajasthan	720000
3. Rampura-Agucha Mine	Bhilwara, Rajasthan	900000

S. No.	Name of the scheme	No. of NGOs	Total amount of financial assistance given (Rs. in lakhs)
LEAD			
1.	Sargipali Mine	Sundergarh, Orissa	150000
2.	Agnigundala Mine	Guntur, Andhra Pradesh	72000

The location of the smelters for the above Zinc-Lead mines is given below:—

(1) Debari Zinc Smelter; Udaipur, Rajasthan.

(2) Vizag Lead and Zinc Smelter; Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

(3) Chanderiya Lead-Zinc Smelter; Chittorgrah, Rajasthan.

(4) Tundoo Lead Smelter; Dhanbad, Bihar.

(d) M/s Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Mines, has been making consistent profits over the years.

(e) Does not arise.

National Joint Committee for Steel Industry

3636. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Joint Committee for Steel industry has considered the payment of adhoc advance towards final settlement;

(b) if so, how much payment was agreed in the meeting;

(c) whether the IISCO was excluded from the payment; and